

**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**

Docket Number (Optional)

**31633-1001**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed

in patent number 6,247,484, granted June 19, 2001, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention EAVE CONSTRUCTION FOR LARGE CANOPIES

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as reissue application number \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☒ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

See Attached Addendum

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

Full name of sole or first inventor (given name, family)

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Date

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☐ Additional joint inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.

**INVENTOR'S STATEMENT REGARDING ERRORS UPON WHICH REISSUE  
IS BASED,  
INCLUDING STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES**

U.S. Patent No. 6,247,484 (the '484 Patent) contains errors that resulted in the patentee claiming less than he had a right to claim in the patent. In addition, there are two typographical errors. All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing of this statement arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. The following is an explanation of the broadening of the claims.

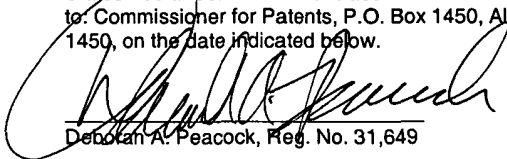
Original claims 1-20 are pending. Applicant wishes to amend claims 9 and 15, where in both claims the word "cave" should have been "eave". These were typographical errors.

Applicant also adds new claims 21-134 in order to broaden the scope of the subject matter that Applicant regards as his own invention, in that patentee claimed less than he had a right to claim. Claims 21-22 are dependent claims directed toward the original claim 1. Claim 23 is an independent claim regarding a load-accommodating canopy and serves to broaden the scope of original claim 1 to provide a more accurate and generalized claim. Claims 24-58 are dependent claims. Claim 59 is an independent claim also regarding a load-accommodating canopy and serves to broaden the scope of original claim 1 to provide a more accurate and generalized claim. Claims 60-90 are dependent claims. Claim 91 is an independent claim also regarding a load-accommodating canopy and serves to broaden the scope of original claim 1 to provide a more accurate and generalized claim. Claims 92-121 are dependent claims. Claim 122 is an independent claim regarding a method for discharging a load from a canopy structure and serves to broaden the scope of the original claims. Claims 123-134 are dependent claims. All claims have support throughout the specification, primarily in column 5, lines 14-65.

Such new claims would have accompanied the application as originally filed for the '484 Patent, but were omitted due to error made without any deceptive intent.

PATENT APPLICATION

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Deborah A. Peacock, Reg. No. 31,649

June 19, 2003  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	JAMES H. THOMAS	:	
Serial No.:	Unknown	:	Attorney Docket No. 31633-1001
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For:	LOAD-ACCOMMODATING CANOPY STRUCTURE	:	

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Dear Sir:

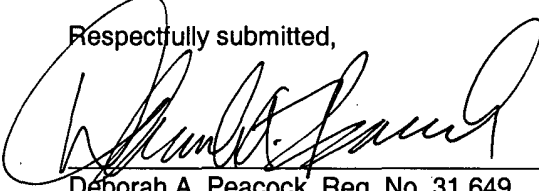
Deborah A. Peacock, a principal attorney in the above-identified application for Letters Patent, hereby appoints:

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Respectfully submitted,

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: James H. Thomas

Application No./Patent No.: 6,247,484 Filed/Issue Date: June 19, 2001

Entitled: EAVE CONSTRUCTION FOR LARGE CANOPIES

WorldCover, L.P., a limited partnership  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

**NOTE:** A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the PTO. See MPEP 302-302.8]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

June 19, 2003  
Date

  
Signature

James H. Thomas

Typed or printed name

President

Title

Practitioner's Docket No. 31633-1001

**PATENT**

**REISSUE APPLICATION BY ASSIGNEE, OFFER TO SURRENDER  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.178)**

**T** the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

The undersigned makes this statement as part of the accompanying reissue application for the reissue of letters patent number 6,247,484, for an improvement in Eave Construction for Large Canopies, granted on June 19, 2001, to James H. Thomas and declares that

☐ he ☐ she ☒ it

is now owner by assignment of the entire interest in said original patent and hereby offers to surrender said letters patent.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10\***  
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(Reissue Application by Assignee, Offer to Surrender (37 C.F.R. § 1.178) [17-3]—page 1 of 2)

### STATEMENT BY ASSIGNEE

Attached is a "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)," establishing the right of the assignee to take action in this reissue.

Date: June 19, 2003

James H. Thomas, President

(type or print name of assignee)



(type or print name of signatory and title if signing on behalf of an entity)

NOTE: This form may be used when the inventor is dead. It may also be used, with appropriate changes, when the reissue application does not seek to enlarge the claims of the original patent.